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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fetcenko, et al  
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Art Unit: 1754  
Examiner: Johnson, Edward  
Title: FINELY DIVIDED METAL CATALYST AND METHOD FOR  
MAKING SAME

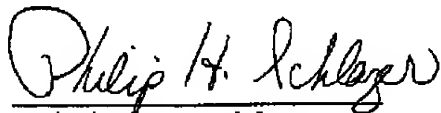
REQUEST FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for a period of THREE MONTHS to respond to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003. This request is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response has expired on December 25, 2003 and is accordingly requested to be extended to March 25, 2004.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.



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